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TAGS: PFOR, US

SUBJ: SEIZURE OF U.S. MERCHANT VESSEL BY CAMBODIAN FORCES

REF: STATE 113030

1. I WENT OVER RATIONALE OF OUR ACTION TO RESCUE MAYAGUEZ AND ITS CREW WITH FONMIN SUWAIDI MAY 18. HE ASKED SEVERAL QUESTIONS ("WERE ANY CREW HURT?" "HOW MANY HELICOPTERS DID YOU LOSE?") BUT MADE NO COMMENT ONE WAY OR THE OTHER ABOUT OUR OPERATION. HE DID HOWEVER SHOW LIVELY INTEREST IN EMERGING SITUATION IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA AND MADE INTERESTING COMMENT THAT IN HIS VIEW REPERCUSSION OF COMMUNIST VICTORY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA WOULD NOT BE LIMITED TO EAST ASIA THEATER ALONE BUT WOULD BE FELT EVEN IN GULF. HE DID NOT ELABORATE ANY FURTHER ON THIS OCCASION, BUT IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT SUWAIDI SEES EVENTS IN INDO CHINA AS ADDITIONAL REASON TO URGE CLOSER ASSOCIATION AMONG GULF STATES TO LOOK AFTER THEIR OWN SECURITY.

2. MAYAGUEZ OPERATION HAS BEEN COVERED FULLY IN LOCAL PRESS BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO EDITORIAL COMMENT AND NEWS HAS BEEN PLAYED STRAIGHT.
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